

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COLUMBIA DIVISION

United States of America,

v.

Derrick Gibson,

Defendant.

Cr. No. 3:09-931-CMC

Opinion and Order

This matter is before the court on Defendant's motion requesting termination of supervised release. ECF No. 172. The United States Probation Office has notified this court that it is not opposed to termination of Defendant's supervised release; the United States Attorney defers to Probation.

Title 18 United States Code Section 3583(e) provides that

The court may, after considering the factors set forth in section 3553(a)(1), (a)(2)(B), (a)(2)(C), (a)(2)(D), (a)(4), (a)(5), (a)(6), and (a)(7)--

(1) terminate a term of supervised release and discharge the defendant released at any time after the expiration of one year of supervised release, pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure relating to the modification of probation, if it is satisfied that such action is warranted by the conduct of the defendant released and the interest of justice

Considerations contained in § 3553 include, *inter alia*, the nature and circumstances of the offense and the history and characteristics of the defendant; the ability to afford adequate deterrence to criminal conduct; the need to protect the public from further crimes of the defendant; and the need to provide the defendant with needed educational or vocational training, medical care, or other correctional treatment in the most effective manner. 18 U.S.C. § 3553.

"The plain language of the statute illustrates that § 3583(e), in the typical case, allows a conduct-based inquiry into the continued necessity for supervision after the individual has served

one full year on supervised release.” *United States v. Pregent*, 190 F.3d 279, 282-83 (4th Cir. 1999). However, the statute

is not exclusively limited to considerations of conduct. The language of the statute notes that the district court ‘may’ terminate supervised release ‘if it is satisfied that such action is warranted by the conduct of the defendant released and the interest of justice.’ The phrase ‘the interest of justice’ does give the district court latitude to consider a broad range of factors in addition to an individual’s behavior in considering whether to terminate the supervised release period.

Id. at 283 (citation omitted).

Defendant has completed one year of his four year term of supervised release. He originally filed this motion on May 8, 2018. At that time, Probation objected to early termination because Defendant was not statutorily eligible, as he had not yet completed one year on supervision. After the one year mark, this court asked Probation whether early termination was appropriate at that point. Because Defendant has not yet served 18 months on supervised release, he does not benefit from Probation’s policy presumption in favor of recommending early termination. However, the Probation Officer has notified the court Defendant has reported as instructed and committed no known violations. He has tested negative on all drug tests and maintained employment. Therefore, in the interest of justice, early termination of Defendant’s supervised release is **granted**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Cameron McGowan Currie
CAMERON MCGOWAN CURRIE
Senior United States District Judge

Columbia, South Carolina
July 24, 2018